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## **BOE Chairman Jerome E. Horton Appoints Board Members Steel and Yee to Key BOE Committees**

*El Segundo, CA* -- Board of Equalization Chairman Jerome E. Horton announced that he has named Board Vice Chair Michelle Steel to chair the agency's Business Taxes Committee, and appointed Board Member Betty T. Yee to chair the BOE's Customer Service and Administrative Efficiency Committee.

Vice Chair Steel will chair the Business Taxes Committee which oversees the Board's rulemaking activities and policy discussions regarding the sales and use tax, as well as the other business taxes and fees administered by the Board.

Ms. Steel presently serves as California's senior-ranking Republican constitutional officer. She has served on the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and was appointed by Assembly Speaker Curt Pringle to the California World Trade Commission.

As Chair of the Customer Service and Administrative Efficiency Committee, Board Member Yee will oversee Board policy discussions regarding efficient and effective service to taxpayers and educational outreach.

Ms. Yee has more than 29 years of experience in public service, specializing in state and local finance. She is the former Chief Deputy Director for Budget with the California Department of Finance and served as a senior staff member on several fiscal and policy committees in the State Senate and Assembly.

"I am pleased to have such talented, capable and competent leadership in these two Board Members and appreciate their willingness to serve in these new roles," said Chairman Horton. "In addition to the traditional duties of these committees, Ms. Steel, who is well known as a taxpayer advocate, will continue to exercise leadership in advocating for legislation that furthers the mission of the BOE. I am asking Ms. Yee to oversee all Board-level discussions of communication, outreach and related customer service matters."

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Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization's Legislative Committee Chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board of Equalization collects more than \$56 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit [www.taxes.ca.gov](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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